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herein consists of personal comments and does not represent the official
policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.

Date: 29 Oct 93 04:05:39 GMT
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Subject: Getting my license. Do I want to be lik
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I don't quite agree, sorry. I find that in my home area (northern
il), 2m is a rich and valuable resource. I had several people who
helped me out when I was in trouble on that band, and it was useful
for some emergency communication. Sure, there were a lot of new
no-codes. I was one of them. But if you show them the "right" way,
then they usually are very agreeable to being responsible about the
band and I found very few CB-style 2m ops, even of the people who used
to use CB constantly.

Myself, I migrated over to 440 Mhz, but only because the 2M space was
so tight that I felt wrong to have long conversations on 2M, whereas
440 was relatively clear, and I felt comfortable "burning air time" on
that band.

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Date: Wed, 27 Oct 93 18:24:15 GMT
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Subject : Re: DON'T End It All Now, Please ...

In article <93299.125327JMEAKER@UCF1VM.BITNET> John Meaker <JMEAKER@UCF1VM.BITNET> writes:

> But a multiple choice answer is either right or wrong. If there
> are 4 answers, then by guessing you have a 3/4 chance of getting each
> one wrong. On a 45 question test you are likely to get only 11 or 12
> correct answers. Much less than the 70% required to pass.

Given the format of the tests this statement is untrue. Even though there are four answers, 1 or 2 of the answers can be quickly eliminated if you are actually reading the questions, not just marking the answer sheet at random. These answers are called "distractors" and their purpose seems to be to trap those who are attempting to guess without having read the material. If you have run the material under your nose even one time these answers will stand out in ludicrousness (new word?).

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Try Boatanchors
For A Real Lift

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References <931023.78379.EDELLERS@delphi.com>,
<DRT.93Oct25092627@carbonara.mit.edu>, <1993Oct27.142103.6908@mixcom.mixcom.com>
Subject : Re: Spectrum utilization.

In article <1993Oct27.142103.6908@mixcom.mixcom.com>, kevin.jessup
<kevin.jessup@mixcom.mixcom.com> writes:
|> In <DRT.93Oct25092627@carbonara.mit.edu> drt@athena.mit.edu (David R Tucker)
writes:
|>
|> >5. SSB takes between 5 and 10 times the spectrum of CW, depending on

|> > how you count.
|>
|> Because the VAST MAJORITY of CW users can TALK 5 to 10 times faster
|> using SSB compared to CW, the same amonut of "data" is passed in
|> 5 to 10 times LESS air-time. So it cancels out! (Depending on
|> how you count! ;-))

You, I assume, are one of those who run a kilowatt into a 6 element at 100ft or more?

Funny, my experience is that SSB users are so inefficient at using these wonderful capabilities that they wind up with a lower data transmission rate than I do on CW! "Say again, please!!!!" Some, of course, send no data to anyone at all, a signal-to-noise ratio of zero, even while they modulate, and you know where to go for that! Of course, many 15-kHz signals on 2 have an even lower information rate.

|> Funny how the rest of the world is starting to use those big-time
|> band wasters like spread spectrum for digital data. Digitally
|> encoded voice as well. I just wish the commercial world would
|> start going back to CW and save a little band space. They should
|> take a tip from us high-tech cutting-edge radio amateurs!

Of course, these have corresponding benefits, like lower amplitude, short-duration channel occupancy, less static, and such.

Try taking up a "commercial"-bandwidth 200 kHz channel on 2 meter FM and see the wonderful progress of "commercial technology". It's not necessarily appropriate for amateur bands. Real good audio, though.

Now, if other users of the spectrum want to cede us large tracts of it, well ...

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|> >A No-code HF license in the US will simply ruin those "wonderful"
|> >phone subbands. No-coders would spend no time on spectrum-saving
|> >CW, but people who learn CW stand a good chance of actually using
|> >it once in a while.
|>
|> Beer is taking up far too much space here at the local liquor store.
|> A prefer a high-alcohol very dry martini (made with Bombay Gin) to
|> beer. In the same amount of shelf-space, I can get much more alcohol
|> per unit volume than I can with beer. Beer is not very efficient
|> at shelf (spectrum) utilization. People who actually try a dry
|> martini might learn to appreciate it and "use" one once in a while.
|> Then us martini drinkers could recover some of our shelf space.
|>

You're talking about allowing 10,000 people into that store, in spite of the sign

that says "Occupation by more than 100 SSB signals is dangerous and unlawful." We're not talking *orderly* beverage selection here. We're talking mayhem, looting, vandalism, and long-term inability of *anyone* to use that store. Twenty meter phone is already a very bad neighborhood. "That's what the people want," you say? Time for *someone* to read the riot act ...

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| 'Most political sermons teach the congregation nothing except
| what newspapers are taken at the Rectory.' -C.S. Lewis

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